

Deputies' Meeting

Wednesday, 4 February 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Colonel White, [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to the first item in today's Log and noted he was not aware that [REDACTED] personnel were being dropped [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] did drop a few people from time to time in the general area of those dropped in connection with [REDACTED]

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b. Raised the question of [REDACTED] stated that this officer would necessarily have to be a mature individual who was accustomed to dealing with people in the highest official and social circles, e.g. an officer of the caliber of [REDACTED] Mr. Becker noted that [REDACTED] had indicated interest in joining [REDACTED] and would be well qualified for this post. Mr. Wisner recommended that in addition to a senior officer we also assign a junior career officer to this area and suggested [REDACTED] for the number 2 position. DDCI approved and stated that (1) the two officers selected for this post should report at the same time; (2) they should be prepared to stay for a period of four years; (3) it would be a mistake to send an individual [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

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c. Noted a proposal from J. C. King concerning the preparation of National Estimates on Latin America. Both Messrs. Wisner and Becker stated they knew nothing of this proposal and, after some discussion, Mr. Becker undertook to look into this matter.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted he had a report on the refugee situation in Germany which he would discuss at tomorrow's Deputies' Meeting.

b. Received DDCI's approval on a reply to [REDACTED] noting that this had been coordinated as directed by DDCI.

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Mr. Becker reported that he had had drafted a proposed reply to [REDACTED] in regard to the tripartite conference problem and it was our view that attendance at these conferences should be limited to the Military. [REDACTED] noted that the "heat was off" on this matter insofar as

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Mr. Becker (Cont'd.)

25X1 [redacted] was concerned. Mr. Dulles asked Mr. Becker nevertheless to mention this situation to [redacted] during his current visit to Washington.

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Colonel White:

25X1 a. Noted the President's order in regard to a complete overhaul of the Federal Loyalty Program and recommended that Mr. Houston get in touch with [redacted] in order that CIA might be represented at a meeting to be held on this subject on 9 February. DDCI approved and stated if any further assistance was needed in this regard he would call Mr. Brownell.

b. Stated he hoped to have by this afternoon a coordinated paper (White House, Department of Defense, and Bureau of the Budget) on proposed legislation in regard to General Cabell.

c. Reported that we had not yet received a letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget directing CIA along with other departments and agencies to bring about a progressive reduction of Government spending and personnel. Mr. Dulles asked that DDA be prepared to report on this matter as soon as such a letter was received.



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